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Notice.

The annual election of managers of the Milford cemetery association will be held at the office of C. W. Bull on Monday, January 6, 1896, from two to three o'clock p. m.

PIKE COUNTY COURTS.

The Court Convened December 16, 1895.

SOME BUSINESS DONE.

Constables From Each Township in Attendance—Naturalization—Petition for a Bridge Over Little Bushkill—Many Real Estate Transfers—Some Divorces.

The regular December term of courts convened the 16th at two o'clock p. m. Hon. G. S. Purdy, President Judge, and Hon. J. D. Honck, Associate Judge present.

Constables as follows answered and made returns: Aaron B. Jagger, Delaware; John A. Fisher, Dingman; Wilson S. Van Anken, Lehman; Christian Herman, Milford township; B. C. Totten, Westfall; Frank Keller, Shohola; Alvah H. Quick, Palmyra; E. P. Heberling, Grove; A. E. Simonson, Blooming Grove; August Mercier, Porter. Estate of Peter Walter, deceased, calling of heirs to accept or refuse, and of Jeremiah Walter filing a bid for \$622, no other heir appearing the real estate was adjudicated to him.

Naturalization of Frederick Meserli.

Estate of Christian Ott, deceased, return of order of sale to Charles Ott for \$1,500. Confirmation nisi to be absolute in one week if no exceptions are filed.

Petition for a bridge over Little Bushkill, E. Hornbeck, R. Van Gordon and Frank Shorr, viewers, continued.

Estate of Frank Denegri, report of auditor filed and confirmed nisi to be absolute of course if exceptions are not filed in four days.

Sheriff's deed est. N. B. Kirkendall, deceased, acknowledged to J. H. Thompson administrator.

Estate of David Howell, deceased, writ in partition and return of jury of inquest filed, and order for publication.

Sadler vs. Sadler, divorce, alias subpoena awarded.

Phelps vs. Phelps, divorce, order for publication.

Mott vs. Ridgway, deed acknowledged.

In the matter of filling jury wheel 350 names directed to be selected and placed thereon.

Staples vs. Cornelius, rule discharged and bill sealed for defendant.

Staples Receiver &c. vs. Cornelius, rule by deft to strike off writ discharged, and bill sealed for the defendant.

Sheriff acknowledges deeds to Peter Falter for lands sold as property of Miller and Fisher in Palmyra. To Lizzie R. Mott for lands of W. K. and G. K. Ridgway, part of the glen, 16 acres. To J. H. Thompson, lands in Palmyra sold as property of N. B. Kirkendall, deceased, 162 acres. To C. W. Bull, land in Milford Borough sold as property of Eldred, Poillon and Townsends. To Edward Quinn, lot in Milford Borough, sold as property of Moses Detrick.

Commonwealth vs. C. S. Peirce, cont'd to next term. Same vs. G. A. Frieh, cont'd. Same vs. Hansman, cont'd. Same vs. Hannas, cont'd. Same vs. Hartz, cont'd. Same vs. Podlusi, cont'd. Same vs. O'Linden, cont'd.

Use of Edward Quinn vs. Maurice S. Quinn, order fixing commissions 2 1/2%.

Venire for Jury for March term to meet March 16, 1896.

Estate of Jacob Ellwanger, account of trustee filed and auditor appointed to make distribution.

Estate of Catharine Wallace, auditor appointed.

Geo. A. Swepeizer appointed to audit the accounts of prothonotary and recorder.

The case of Marvin vs. Rose which has occupied a prominent position in the court since 1888 was argued and submitted.

John A. Kipp vs. Reinhold Wenzel, application to strike off judgment and rule granted returnable to March term.

Court rose.

A RAILROAD TO BE REORGANIZED.

A New Company with Plenty of Money Will Have Control of Reading Railroad.

The plan of reorganization of this road has just been made public, and as usual the smaller fish are fried and roasted. It is a severe and skinning process for the junior security holders, and appears to be solely in the interest of the general mortgage bondholders. The plan contemplates the formation of a new company, wiping out of liens now secured by mortgage, displacement and replacement of one hundred and sixty-three million dollars of bonds and stocks, the raising of more than twenty-eight million dollars in cash, and the indefinite control of the new company by voting trustees.

The general mortgage bondholders are not called on to make any sacrifice either of principal or interest, and if the junior security holders do not like the squeeze they can get out and a syndicate with plenty of money will step in their places. The stockholders must put up \$10 per share and give up the control of the company and watch, while the other fellows prey. Probably the plan will be strongly opposed by the junior interests and with good reason, for they are shown no favors, the fixed charges are not much reduced while great sacrifices are asked of them, and they get no benefits from the assets of the company.

If the water could be eliminated from railroad stocks, the salaries of high officials cut down, and everything put on a fair business basis there would be less occasion for these costly reorganizations in the interest solely of the reorganizers. A gentleman who is a large shipper over the D. L. & W. R. R. recently informed us that it cost him \$30 per car from his station to ship his goods to New York, while the Rockfellers who shipped from the same station did so at the rate of \$5 per car.

Either the company charges him excessive rates or they transport for the favored ones at a great loss, which must in some way be made up. These things should be rectified, and if there is no other way it might not be a bad idea for the government to assume control of the railroads, first running the stock through a wringer, and then charging all the same rates, without regard to the financial standing of the shipper.

ELK IN MONROE COUNTY.

A Carload Arrive From the West for a Private Park Near Mount Pocono.

A carload of wild elk from the West have arrived at Carl Tilentius' summer resort, near Mount Pocono, and have been liberated in the beautiful large place, belonging to the well-known New York restaurateur.

The elk are all fine specimens and attracted great attention at the depot where they were unloaded prior to their conveyance to the Tilentius park.

The lot was due here several days ago but were delayed by the recent blizzard in the West. All survived it and look neat and sleek after the long journey.—Time.

IT FINALLY SUCCEUMBS.

An Agricultural Society and Two Driving Clubs in Financial Difficulties.

The Sussex County Agricultural Society as such gave its last exhibition in 1892, since which time it has been in process of liquidation. The final settlement was made Dec. 7 when the last creditor called and accepted the balance due him.

The Newton Driving Club was to some extent a reorganization of the old society, but one year sufficed to bring that to financial grief.

The Woodlawn Driving Club formed last season but it got into deep water, and hopes to get its feet on the bottom next year.

They seem to have been rather expensive luxuries for their organizers and promoters.

How Would This Be Boys?

The Board of Trustees of Modesto, Cal., have established a curfew bell. All boys on the streets after eight o'clock will be arrested.

A BAD WRECK ON THE ERIE

A Fast Train Meets with Disaster.

Four Cars Thrown Down a High Embankment—A Broken Rail the Cause—Miraculous Escape of the Passengers with Slight Injuries.

A bad wreck occurred at Nobody's station on the Erie, between Narrowsburg and Colchester, at 4.30 a. m. Monday morning, Dec. 16. Train No. 10, composed of engine 282, four baggage cars, two day coaches and four Pullman sleepers, was running at a rapid rate around a sharp curve, the baggage car next to the engine left the track. The tender was torn loose from the engine, and thrown down the embankment, carrying with it the fireman, George Fordyce. This was followed by three baggage cars, two day coaches and one Pullman.

The fireman was but slightly injured. The express messenger and baggageman also went over with the car they were in, and were only slightly bruised. Ten passengers in the day coach went over with that car. Some received slight bruises, and one, Mr. O'Kelim, assistant manager of a theatrical troupe, was injured in the back. The baggage of the company, valued very highly, also went over and was slightly injured.

The cars were badly broken. Considering the number of persons involved in the wreck, the speed of which the train was running and the manner in which the cars were damaged it seems wonderful that the passengers escaped with such slight injury. Travel was delayed but a short time, and the passengers all went to their several destinations.

HE GOT ALL THE DOCUMENTS

Mr. Mutchler Not Ready to Congressman Hart, of Milford

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Times says: "Ex-Congressman Mutchler has been rather thrifty and foresighted. He had all the public documents to which he was entitled up to the 1st of December sent to his home and his successor, Congressman Hart, has no public documents to distribute to his constituents. Of course, as the months roll around now public documents will become available, so that Congressman Hart may be able to send some of them to his constituents, but Congressman Mutchler was either wise or cunning enough to secure for himself every public document to which he as a Congressman and ex-Congressman was entitled.

Sunday School Convention.

The Flatbrook Valley Sunday School Association held its semi-annual convention in the church at that place Dec. 13th. The schools were nearly all represented. The meeting was of interest and well conducted. Rev. Whitaker, of Bushkill, delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by John Youngs, of Sandyston. This was followed by an address by the Rev. W. G. Myles, of Dingman's Ferry. The evening session was held in the school house and was opened with singing followed by prayer by Rev. Jones, who also made a fine address on "Foundation Building." The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Fletcher Gariss, president, with a vice-president from each township; Miss Annie Cole, secretary, and Frank Stoll, treasurer.

Will Give a Concert in Branchville.

Edward M. Westbrook, Director of the Paterson Conservatory of Music, will give a concert in the Branchville Presbyterian church on December 26. Mr. Westbrook is well-known here as a musician of great skill and a composer of considerable merit.

Accused of Embezzlement.

James S. Drake, an agent for a New York life insurance company, is in the County Jail in Scranton charged with embezzlement. He was committed last Friday night by Alderman Miller in default of \$500. The arrest was made at the instance of P. Ball, who paid a premium of \$125 to Drake, which, it is alleged, the latter never turned over to the company.—Philadelphia Press.

Prof. Watson Honored.

Prof. Jno. C. Watson, teacher of the Intermediate Department of our public schools, has been commissioned for a term of three years, by State Superintendent of Public Instruction N. C. Schaeffer, as one of the committee on permanent certificates for Pike County, whose duty it shall be to grant certificates to professionals.

MR. VENNEMA LEAVES PORT JERVIS.

A Large Number Present at the Reformed Church Sunday Morning to Bid Him Farewell.

Rev. Amc Vennema preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening to a large concourse of people, composed of the several congregations of the Port Jervis churches with their pastors, who were present on the occasion. The several ministers took part in the services which also included a fine programme of music.

The sermon by the retiring pastor was based on Philippians, 1-27. He exhorted his hearers to let their conversion be such as becomes believers in the gospel of Christ. The profession of religion invites the attention of the world at large. The words and acts of the professor of religion should be such as not to bring reproach upon the church or our faith. We should not relinquish our faith because we cannot solve all its mysteries, and explain seeming contradictions. Want of ability to do this does not prove that your opinion is right and you are wrong. Hold fast to your faith until you have something better to take its place. Be loyal to your church, make it your household of faith, and in closing, he hoped to hear that it went well with the members of that church. That the veterans of the faith and those who have recently enlisted in the service of Christ are growing in strength, knowledge and power and that the homes he had helped to form would be Christian homes, and that church would be a bulwark of strength and a refuge to the oppressed.

LOOK OUT FOR HER.

She is a Fraud Collecting Money for Alleged Charities. Pastors of Churches Repudiate Her.

For some days a rather good looking woman, well dressed and speaking with somewhat of an Irish accent, has been collecting money both in Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg for charities.

The Times of that place has made an investigation which stamps the woman as a sharper of the meanest kind, and warns its readers not to be beguiled by her plausible, but various stories into giving her any money.

In some places she represents that she was collecting for the ladies' aid society of Scranton, for the Y. M. C. A. and also for the poor. She seems to have obtained quite a sum of money from kind-hearted and charitably inclined people.

It would be well for every body to refuse point blank to give money to strangers unless they can establish beyond peradventure their honesty, by proper and reliable credentials. Do not be gulled by affecting tales, told by some practiced villain, into parting with your money or other valuables. There are deserving objects of charity at home, and needy enterprises enough in your town to absorb all your spare change. And this principle holds equally good in buying goods or merchandise of strangers. Patronize your home merchants, and sustain your home charities.

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BRIEF MENTIONS.

—It will pay you to walk around the town and investigate what our merchants are offering for the Holidays. Perhaps you can supply all your wants here in that direction. Ryman and Wells are offering an especially fine line of goods suitable for presents, and their show window is a pleasing and attractive sight. They have almost every thing useful as well as ornamental.

—W. & G. Mitchell also cater to that trade, and their store is well filled with goods in all lines to make you comfortable and happy. They can supply all your wants in dress goods, groceries and staple articles generally.

—Brown & Armstrong have made extra efforts to fill your long felt wants, and if you will give them a call you will find prices and commodities are in accord, and both inviting.

—T. R. J. Klein is prepared to furnish all kinds of hardware, and to add to your comfort whether you want a pan mended or a house roofed. If you buy a stove or range of him, you need not eat your Christmas turkey in the evening because the day was not long enough to cook it.

—If you feel the need of steam heat to ward off the cold which the goose home man and the planetary conjunction chap says is coming, or if you think your house is not properly plumbed, just see Van Etten and Wright. They will attend to it promptly and carefully.

—If you must go away give Johnson, at Port Jervis, a call for foot wear. He has all kinds, and at bottom prices.

—Should you want a bit of the craythur to wash down the turkey dinner or make it properly digest, Mr. Saxon can fix you up to the Queen's taste.

—Take a stroll around, and visit the above places, and if you cannot satisfy your wants, ask our merchants whether you are not a little over-particular in these matters. The nimble sixerpe will do more good to spend it here than in some other town.

—After you have made yourselves and family comfortable and happy, and saved a lot of money by calling on the live merchants who advertise in the Press you will want something good to read, and then you will walk up and subscribe for the Press, and feel good over it for the next year.

—The Press wishes its readers and friends a very, very Merry Christmas.

—The Milford Glee Club will hold their first hop on the evening before Christmas, Dec. 24th at their hall. A good time is guaranteed to all who attend.

—Allentown is now having a trying experience with diphtheria. Almost daily there is a death in that city from that dreaded disease. Strenuous efforts are being made by the city officials to stamp it out.

—An epidemic of colds is prevalent. In many instances whole households are almost simultaneously afflicted.

—On Friday last, Samuel Lines, a retired merchant of Wilkes-Barre, was shot dead on a Lehigh Valley train while returning home from a gunning expedition. He got on the train at Newport station, and soon afterward fell over dead, with a bullet in his head. The shot, it is thought, was fired from outside the train.

—Owing to the profitableness of the business new telephone companies are springing up and seeking a share of the profits, in almost every town and city. This has a tendency to force a cut in prices, and thereby the public is benefitted.

—There are some indications of quite lively times in Milford during the holidays. Most, if not all, of our young people, who are away at school or in business will be home, and after the school room, and business confinement, they will make the most of the vacation.

—It is suggested that inasmuch as electricity will soon supersede all other modes of lighting, persons building should have their houses

wired before finishing. It would save future expense and appear much neater.

—A letter to Gardon and Forest, from Beaver Dam, Wis., states that a disease among horses in that section, which has baffled the skill of veterinarians, has been traced to golden rod, which the animals fed upon in pasture. In its blossoming stage the pollen of the weed is productive of hay fever in human beings, and there is good grounds for belief that it is a noxious weed that should come under the ban of the law.

—Ex-Comptroller Wemple, of New York, and for many years one of her most distinguished citizens, has been arrested on a charge of arson. His degradation is attributed to intemperance. Truly wine is a mocker.

—See notice of the Barrett Bridge Company on second page.

—Special notices, M. E. church 4th quarterly conference on Saturday at 8 p. m. Preaching Sunday morning by Rev. Sanford Van Benschoten, Presiding Elder of Paterson district. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered after preaching.

—Our ice men are reaping the usual harvest of conglomeration.

—Christmas celebrations accompanied by the usual presentations will be held in the several churches at the Good Shepherd Christmas Eve, and the Presbyterian and M. E. Churches on Christmas night.

—The Dispatch has been figuring on the production of elder at Strable's press in Milford. It says 40,000 gallons or enough to supply every one in Milford with 200 quarts. Enough to fill a pond 5x38 feet, 3 feet in depth.

It is rumored that a large Jewish Chautauqua will be established either at Forest Park or near that place. If the trolley road could be built to Bushkill such an enterprise would doubtless be a success.

—The Erie extension to New York Wednesday will be patronized, 1,132 people took the opportunity to visit that metropolis. Why cannot the Erie when people are so liberal treat the passengers with the consideration they deserve. Start their train back on schedule time, and put on an engine that can draw it. After they have spent a day in New York it is an outrage to keep them waiting in the station, or on the train for an hour or more and then crawl along with an engine affected with bronchitis. Start the excursion back at 6.30 promptly and take the first people home quickly.

A Successful Fair and Supper

The fair and supper given by the ladies of the Presbyterian congregation at the Sawkill House Tuesday evening was a decided success. One of the great weather prophets recently prognosticated that this month would be remarkable for seismic phenomena and the number of babies born. The fancy table at the fair showed evidence of the implicit confidence the ladies had in the latter prediction, and the way the things sold would seem to make it certain that it will be verified. The supper was excellent, everybody had a good time, and the result over fifty dollars is proof that those present were touched with a spirit of liberality. There was considerable surprise manifested at the fact that several prominent and liberal members of the congregation have omitted this opportunity.

Hog Cholera Still Raging.

Hog cholera does not seem to abate in this county. Every day individual losses are reported, which shows that the remedies set forth by physicians and patent medicines have no effect upon the animals. Since the first report of the disease William Ackerman, the miller, has lost the entire herd, numbering five, as have Jacob Hartman, of Stormsville, numbering eight, and Farmer Lash, of near Snyderville, who lost five. The Hon. M. F. Coolbaugh lost three on his Middle Smithfield farm, and Robert Roberts, of Stroud township seven.—Times.

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